

REMARKS

Prior to this Response and Amendment, the claims pending in the application were Claims 1 to 13. After amendment, the claims remaining in the application are Claims 1(currently amended), 3, 4, 5, 9(currently amended), 11(currently amended), 12 and 13.

The disclosure for the insertion into Claim 1 of "phenolic" is paragraph 0049, last word.

The Specification and Claims stand under rejection and objection for various reasons.

The Examiner requests that the formula at paragraph 41 be enlarged because the subscripts are not clear. The Applicant has done so herein.

Claims 2 and 11 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention.

In response the Application has withdrawn Claim 2 and amended Claim 11 to enlarge the formula. Thus, this reason for rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1 -3, 5 and 9 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by USP 5,028,343 (Lindstrom) and Claims 1-8 and 13 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by USP 4,409,408 (Miller).

Claims 10 and 12 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner states they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. The Examiner continues by stating "the prior art fails to teach or suggest that the sulfide is a phenolic sulfide".

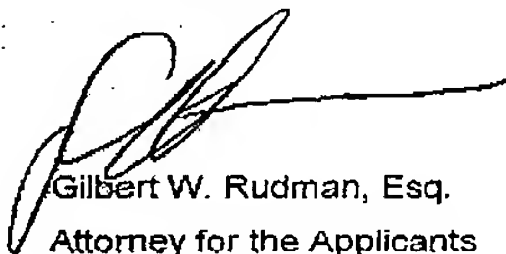
While the Applicant does not believe that the cited references disclose, teach or suggest the present invention, the Applicant has decided to withdraw any subject matter presently within the claims that is other than that which the Examiner presently states is not taught or suggested by the prior art. However, the Applicant reserves the right to file continuation applications directed to the subject matter being withdrawn herein.

Thus the present claims are directed to compositions for stabilization of vinyl monomers; the compositions including (a) at least one alkyl hydroxyl amine compound and at least one phenolic sulfide compound.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to the Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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